Poverty Supporting Services

Wrap around service providers

Roundtable Discussion 1

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Total number of participants: 11

What jurisdiction do you represent?

Chula Vista: Environmental services, Food pantry

City of San Diego: Imperial Beach: National City:

Regional: County of San Diego, Aging & Independent Services

Other:

Which best describes you or your agencies role in hunger/food insecurity?

Food Supplier:

Food Distributor:

Non-profit Community Organization: Allied Health

Government: Aging & Independent, County-healthy food/retail, Environmental service

Community Member: Pregnant mothers/Hilltop Baptist- Food pantry

Other:

STRENGTHS (areas in which your organization excels or advantages of your organization)

- Orgs such as Feeding San Diego & other food banks
- Community-based orgs such as Chula Vista Community Collaborative in Chula Vista
- Health clinics assist with different health services in South Region
- The South Bay community has been supportive of more affordable housing
- Inclusionary housing policy in City of Chula Vista
- Active economic development staff in Chula Vista
- National City has the only green bike boxes in the County

WEAKNESSES (areas to be improved)

- The type of food that food banks provide is sometimes not suitable for certain populations such as seniors
- Senior programs exist but are underutilized, includes transportation and process of getting food

OPPORTUNITIES (external factors that may contribute to your organization and can build up your strengths)

- Awareness of wrap around services that are available
- Land available for development of new jobs in Chula Vista
- Funding has become available in Chula Vista for bus transit and other forms of transportation

THREATS (potential problems/risks caused by external factors that your organization may face)

- Living wages are lacking across South Bay and the County
- Lack of transportation exists

Roundtable Discussion 2

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STRENGTHS

- Faith-based orgs provide safe parking spaces for homeless families
- Safe parking spaces for homeless families
- Parking lots are normally leased
- The City police dept. supports this service
- Compassion and dignity in the police dept. are emphasized
- St. Rose of Lima provide training on how to serve with compassion

WEAKNESSES

• Improving the quality of community service opportunities so students or volunteers are not merely checking a box

OPPORTUNITIES

- Education is needed to inform families of laws that protect them
- More collaboration and education of best practices in police depts. and cities in general
- Providing more training on compassion and serving with dignity in more orgs.

THREATS

- Many mixed status families are afraid to apply for social services
- Landlord tenant issues
- Many who are in housing that utilize vouchers fear speaking up
- Availability and affordability in housing
- Lack of compassion and communication when receiving public services

The federal and state guidelines for social services such as CalFresh and Medi-Cal	